GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Price Monitoring Cells
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) to give suggestion on the pricing of essential commodities and if so, the details of the roles and responsibilities of the PMC;
(b) whether the prices of some of the essential commodities are monitored by PMC and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received all the necessary information on the price trends and availability of essential food items during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up any effective mechanism to control the prices of essential commodities and ensure their availability to the common people; and
(e) if so, the details of the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) : The Price Monitoring Cell (PMC), set up in the Department of Consumer Affairs is monitoring, on a daily basis, prices of 22 essential food items which includes cereals (rice and wheat), pulses (gram, arhar, urad, moong and masoor dal), vegetables (potato, onion and tomato), edible oils (groundnut, mustard, vanaspati, soya, sunflower and palm oil) & others (atta, milk, sugar, tea, gur and salt). Price trends for last three years, based on the information from reporting centres is at Annexure.

(d) to (e) : The price trends and availability of select essential food items are monitored on regular basis at the highest levels, including by Committee of Secretaries, Inter Ministerial Committee etc. for appropriate policy intervention.

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